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ASA RULES IN FAVOUR OF RES ON DEN BROOK WIND FARM BENEFITS

Renewable Energy Systems Ltd (RES)¹, the company proposing to build a wind farm at Den Brook in North Tawton, has today welcomed an adjudication by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA)² that public information circulated to local residents about the scheme **was** accurate. A report issued today by the ASA rejected five complaints lodged by an opponent to the wind farm that RES had exaggerated the project's environmental benefits.

Andy Paine, Director of RES UK, commented

"We are very satisfied with the ASA's decision. A small group of opponents of the Den Brook wind farm have accused us in the press and at public meetings of misleading local people with inaccurate and exaggerated claims, and a complaint was made to the ASA along these lines.. We take such allegations very seriously, and we submitted detailed evidence about the wind farm to the ASA.

We are now pleased that the Advertising Standards Authority, after a lengthy investigation, has vindicated our position and shown that the information we have given out about the project all along has been honest and true."

The five complaints centred on the amount of electricity the wind farm would produce and the amount of CO2 emissions it would save, claiming that the figures in a public leaflet sent to residents in North Tawton in November last year were exaggerated and therefore misleading. After a long and detailed investigation, which included the advice of an independent energy expert, the ASA ruled that none of the complaints should be upheld. The full adjudication can be found on the ASA's website www.asa.org.uk.

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The planning application for the Den Brook wind farm is currently being prepared³ and is likely to be submitted to West Devon Borough Council before the autumn. Details of the project are still being finalised but, if built, the wind farm is predicted to generate enough clean, green power equivalent to the annual needs of all the homes in Okehampton, Crediton and the villages in between. It will cut greenhouse gas emissions by approximately one million tonnes over the project's lifetime, helping North Tawton and Devon do its bit for a cleaner environment.

The wind farm will also bring significant local economic and social benefits - a community fund will be established to be managed by local representatives and spent on local projects and RES is also in discussion with Dartmoor Railway about upgrading the line in order to bring materials to the site during the construction period, which will have long-term benefits for rail-users in the area.

It is expected that a decision on the project could be made by the end of the year.

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Notes to editors

1. RES built its first wind farm in Cornwall in 1992 and has to date completed almost 1,000MW of wind generating capacity across the UK and worldwide. RES is part of the Sir Robert McAlpine group of engineering and construction companies. In April 2005, RES Group was given a Queen's Award for Enterprise in the Sustainable Development category for the company's commitment to renewable energy and responsible wind farm development. For more information, visit www.res-ltd.com
2. For further information on the ASA and the adjudication, see www.asa.org.uk
3. By RES subsidiary Renewable Energy Systems UK Ltd.

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